THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir; A criminal complaint under Section 406 and 420 read with 120B of Indian Penal Code has been filed by Specified Undertaking of UTI (SUUTI)/UTI Mutual Fund (UTIMF) before Metropolitan Magistrate, Mumbai on 1st April, 2004.

Hon'ble Magistrate has forwarded the matter to Azad Maidan Police Station for further investigation. The matter will come before Court on 8th September, 2004 for report.

Proposal for bringing certain States under ambit of Panchayati Raj Act

2182. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 119 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th July, 2004 and state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring Mizoram, Meghalaya and Nagaland under the ambit of the Panchayati Raj Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of Panchayati Training Centres

2183. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received proposals from State Governments for establishing more Panchayati Training Centres to improve the skills of functionaries of Panchayati Raj.

(b) if so, the details therof and the training centres proposed to be set-up; and

(c) by when the proposals are expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Government extends assistance to State Governments for imparting training to elected representatives and official functionaries. There is, however, no scheme under which financial assistance is provided by the Government for establishing Panchayati Raj Training Centres.